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The people have decided Caesar Reed must go, as might have been expected. We need no masters in this country.

Three months more of one man power in the House of Representatives; after that, under democratic rule, the body will resume its deliberative and constitutional legislative functions.

And so "Granny" Blair is not to have another term in the United States Senate. This is good news to sensible people, but is rather rough on cranks and isms, whose special representation Mr. Blair has been.

Little Billy Mason may find employment as a lobbyist for the Chicago meat packers trust, for which he fought so valiantly at the last session of Congress, now that his constituents have kicked him out of Congress.

Cannon will not disgrace himself and the House of Representatives by valgarly after the 4th of next March. His constituents have repudiated him, just as all sensible people thought they would.

It is highly creditable to the intelligence of their constituents that every republican member of the House who engaged in the disgraceful practice of using bad and ungentlemanly language in public at the last session of Congress has been defeated.

The Democratic quarrymen have been very industrious of late. Here are some of the new stones turned out for the National democratic pyramid which is to be erected two years hence: Kansas, Montana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

The republican methods of forcing Congressional legislation through without giving the minority a chance to even express its opinions has been emphatically condemned by a large majority of the voters of this country. It remains to be seen what effect this deserved rebuke will have upon the republicans during the short while remaining of the Fifty-first Congress. It will probably make them worse, for they will realize that it is probably the last time their party will ever control the House of Representatives, and they will wish to make the most of it by enacting vicious laws.

We have reports from the election from all parts of United States, and there has never been, in the history of our country, such a revolution in politics as was demonstrated at the last election. The people looked upon the present political situation as perilous and fraught with dangers to the liberties of our country. The unconstitutional methods of Speaker Reed and his followers alarm-

ed the people. In passing the Force bill with such unanimity by the republicans in Congress, and under the protest of the democrats, many of the republicans demonstrated to the whole country that there was danger ahead. The passage of the McKinley tariff bill was an outrage to the laboring men of the nation and of itself, sufficient to kill any political party for all time to come. We think this legislation alone has done the work for the republican party, and we predict that it will be a long time before there will be a Radical Congress elected, if ever again.

The Democratic Party.

When we look back upon the history of the grand old Democratic party we cannot help but feel proud that we have always been one of its humble members. The old constitutional party stands out boldly today in praise and admiration of the whole world. Every fair minded man hails the present great victory as a blessing to the human race. Once more the grand old party has loosened the fetters from the people by voting down the most corrupt and dangerous political party that ever had control of the American freeman. This dangerous, autocrat, and unconstitutional party has been regulated to the rear, never to be trusted with power in National affairs again. It is utterly destroyed. Hereafter it will only live as a local party—very few of the states retaining its policy. The democratic party has out-lived all opposition—has broken in pieces every power great or small, that has been hurled against it. It stands today the great champion of the rights of the people. It will always live as long as true government lives. Its principles of government were firmly established, by the immortal fathers of the Republic.

We are sorry and surprised to learn that many of our Republican friends have taken offense at the DEMOCRAT's roster of last week and say it is an insult to them.

Now republican friends, you have forgotten two years ago when the Hon. Thomas Bingham was editor and proprietor of the *Enterprise* that he displaced his rooster at the mast-head with severe remarks against the democrats. We took no offense at it for we recognized the fact that such was political and not personal. We think the republicans ought to be as charitable as the democrats. "Turn about is fair play." One influential republican has gone so far as to declare he intends to break down the DEMOCRAT. Now friend, this would be very uncharitable. Don't, please don't. Friend, hold your ear close and let us whisper these words: The Watauga DEMOCRAT is a weekly newspaper, published every Thursday in Boone, and is intensely democratic, as you no doubt have found out. The editor and publisher own the stock, and the DEMOCRAT is here to stay and will grow larger and larger. The un-terified democrats and many of the fair minded republicans continue to take it. We added three new republicans and ten democratic

names to our list on last Monday. We want to whisper in your ears again and tell you that Watauga is a democratic county now and forever. Make up your mind good friend to these inevitable facts and you will be better contented here after.

We want to say in this connection and with all candor, that there is not a republican in this county but what we feel kindly toward and have no ill will or prejudice against. We have always held that the majority of republicans are honest good citizens and as such we respect them; but we believe honestly that they are wrong politically.

We promise the people of Watauga that we will make the DEMOCRAT as good a newspaper as it is possible for us to make it, and we will take pleasure for the next few weeks, to report the many great majorities of the democrats in nearly all the states of the Union and then we will turn our attention to the interest of the farmer, mechanic, railroads and general interests, in which old Watauga will soon take an active part, and we desire the co-operation of all the citizens in the grand improvements now promising us.

THE GREAT CYCLONE.

Since the foundation of this government, such a mighty change in the strength of political parties has never been known. Political history does not record such a tidal wave of reform, such an upheaval and convulsion of political forces, as is evidenced by the result of the election on the 4th inst. It is almost a clean sweep for the party of the people. The democrats have elected a majority of one hundred and fifty to the next House of Representatives, and it is a source of unalloyed pleasure that McKinley, the author of the most oppressive tax bill that ever was enacted, has been relegated to private life. Likewise, Mr. Cannon, the chairman of the committee on appropriations, and Mr. Rowell, the chairman of the committee on elections, have both gone "where the woodbine twined." But why do we give names—they are nearly all beaten that were most influential in the present Congress. Lodge, the author of the Force bill is elected but his majority is reduced some four thousand. North Carolina elects one republican member of Congress—Cheatham the colored brother in the 2nd District. Pennsylvania has fallen in to the democratic column and elects a democratic Governor by fifteen thousand majority.

Massachusetts elects a democratic Governor by several thousand votes. Illinois, that great republican State, elects the democratic State ticket by from 11,000 to 36,000 and also elects a democratic legislature which will elect a democratic U. S. Senator.

New Hampshire, the old Granite State, elects a democratic Governor, and legislature that will elect a democratic U. S. Senator. New York elects a democratic legislature which will elect a democratic Senator in place of Mr. Evans.

Wisconsin elects a democratic Governor by a good

majority and also a democratic legislature which will elect, in all probability, W. F. Vilas to the Senate.

Michigan, Nebraska and Montana all vote democratic and Minnesota republican by a very small majority and so it is in Iowa.

Kansas defeats every republican Congressman but one and elects democrats and alliance men in the rest, and also a democratic legislature that will defeat Ingalls for the Senate, and old Indiana has again shaken off the shackles of republicanism and goes democratic by 17,000 votes. What a Waterloo it is! We have not space to tell it all as it comes to us in the National newspapers, but we have told enough.

And what of the South? She has stood to her colors manfully. We have carried the Old North State by nearly 50,000, and Zeb Vance "the last of the Romans" will be returned to the U. S. Senate covered with glory, to renew his strength to make another fight for the rights of the poor and toiling millions. We of the South should be profoundly thankful to the people of the North for this great uprising in the defence of our very existence. The party of high taxes, of bayonets at the polls, and of hate, has been overturned by the sovereign will of the people. *And God reigns in his holy temple the hearts of freemen.*

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PROGRAMME.

The Three Forks Union will meet with the Flat Top church, on Friday, before the fifth Sunday in Nov. 1890. The introductory sermon preached by J. F. Davis at 11 o'clock a. m. Organization at 1 o'clock p. m.

First question. Was the kingdom of Christ organized before the church of Christ? Discussion opened by J. J. L. Sherwood and Isaac McGinnis.

2. Is our faith in the power of God's word as strongly in our work as it should be? Opened by J. F. Davis and J. H. Farthing.

3. Do we not do more for State missions comparatively, than we do for foreign missions? Opened by A. C. Farthing and Jacob Younce.

4. An explanation of Second Peter, 1st chapter and 10th verse. E. F. Jones and A. Roten.

5. Are we as diligent in attending to the wants of poor, the widows, and orphans as we should be? Opened by J. J. T. Reese and John McBride.

6. An exegesis of John, 3 chapter and 5 verse. Opened by I. W. Thomas and Asa Brown.

7. An exegesis of First Peter, 3 chapter and 19 verse. J. C. Johnson and David Green.

We confidently hope that not only the brothers assigned to the above questions, but that brethren generally will attend and take part in the discussions.

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NEAR SIGHTED PEOPLE.

A Broadway Optician Explains the Cause and Remedy of Nearsightedness.

"In no other city in the world can be found so many people afflicted with myopia or near sightedness as right here in New York," said a Broadway optician a few days since. "More than half the population of our big town are so afflicted, and the number of persons who wear spectacles or eye-glasses is astonishingly large, as is evinced by an examination of the faces of the crowd which surge along Broadway. The number of sufferers from myopia is, I am sorry to say, annually increasing, and not a few of these are from our schools and colleges."

"To what do you attribute the prevalence of this partial blindness?" queried the writer.

"Near sightedness arises from a number of causes, chief among which are reading in the dusk of the evening, or fatiguing the eyes in trying to read by aid of a bad artificial illumination; reading while in a lying position, or with the head thrust too far forward; the perusal of blurred or slovenly printed books, or matter printed in a very small type. All these and many other things conduce to gradual decrease in the power of vision, and if too greatly persisted in will finally end in the total destruction of the sight."

"The principal cause of the prevalence of short sightedness (among our business men at least), is the pernicious habit so largely indulged in of reading newspapers while riding in the surface cars or omnibuses. The jolting or swaying motion of the car or bus causes an unsteadiness of hand, which makes the type appear blurred and uncertain. The steadier, easy motion of the cars on the elevated roads has done much toward the pervasiveness of the eyesight of those who find that they must read while en route and who patronize the aerial mode of transit."

"When does one become conscious of falling visual power?" was asked.

"One first begins to discover that he is losing his keenness of vision when the signs along the streets and distant objects are not easily discernible without a conscious effort, accompanied by a painful straining and extension of the pupil. When one is convinced that his eyesight is falling him he should not delay a moment before consulting an oculist."

"Is not near sightedness sometimes hereditary?"

"I believe hereditary influence to be of great effect in causing short sight. I have known large families, whose members, from the youngest to the oldest, were afflicted with weak eyes or a too short range of vision. The sight can be preserved and prevented from growing poorer only by the use of proper glasses at the proper time. A dangerous mistake, too often made, is that of wearing glasses which are either too weak or, what is worse, too strong for the requirement of the eye."

Continuing the optician remarked that: "Presbyopia or so called 'far sightedness' supervenes earlier with those who are constantly at work than with others, and as soon as it does convex glasses should be at once resorted to, without which the muscle of accommodation would be fatigued to no purpose. At first they should be used for working in the evening, after the fatigue of the day, but a long sighted person should only use spectacles for looking at near objects, not at far ones."

Speaking of spectacles and eye-glasses, the optician further remarked that but few lenses were made in the United States, and those only of the poorest quality. Said he: "The best lenses are imported in a rough state from France, and cut and polished after arrival in this country. Glasses are numbered from five to fifty; those below No. 5 are worn only by persons undergoing treatment for cataract or other ocular diseases. Astigmatism is one of these. Astigmatism is an abnormal development of sight power in one of the eyes, with a corresponding weakness of vision in the other. It is often mistaken for myopia, and so treated by ignorant men who pose as ophthalmologists, or, more properly speaking, not oculists at all."

"In conclusion I will only say that a man can part with a leg, arm or other member of his body and eventually become accustomed to his loss, and say, 'If he be of a philosophical turn of mind, manage to suck much nectar from life's flower, but the loss of sight unites a man alike for pleasure and for duty, and removes forever the one thing needful to the most complete and fullest enjoyment of his existence. If there is one thing more than another which I would strive to impress on the minds of young people it is the advice, 'Take care of your eyes.'"

A Wedding in Oronoke.

Even among the Indians the government has made a civil marriage necessary, and by law this must be performed before the priest can perform the religious ceremony. After both forms have been complied with the guests repair to the bride's home, each bringing a basket to carry home a share of the wedding supper. The bridegroom supplies the whisky, and a villainous compound it is. Consciousness say it contains more "heat" than any alcoholic drink in existence. The bride is dressed in bright colors, the story of her entire family being told to her for the day for her adornment. Over her head, as a marriage veil, she wears a white coarse muslin bonnet. A large table is set, and the plates are filled with sweet things and other eatables considered appropriate for a wedding feast; this expense is borne by the bride's family. After congratulating the happy pair the guests assemble around the table and drink whisky "straight," but by custom they are not permitted to eat a mouthful, though food and drink are supplied, and they content themselves by picking their teeth between drinks. The debauch continues until there is no more whisky, when each family empties its plates of food into its own basket to be eaten on arriving at home, but the plates are replaced on the table, and the bride's mother usually insists that the bride should allow any guests to depart—Oronoke Co., New York Times.

They Get Power.

I know of some fellows who are just twenty years ago and just as weak, good people and a few. Just ask him and I'll tell you. They get power and gain.

—Chas. Swaine.

The Liver

When in order, involves every organ of the body. Remedies for some other diseases are frequently taken without the least effect, because it is the liver which is the real source of the trouble, and until that is set right there can be no health, strength, or comfort in any part of the system. Mercury, in some forms, is a common specific for a sluggish liver; but a far safer and more effective medicine is

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